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SUBJECT: US/BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT

REF: A. STATE 155840 NOTAL
 B. STATE 110380 NOTAL

1. EMBASSY IS VERY PLEASED AT PROGRESS MADE IN JUNE 22
MEETING WITH BCP CC AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT CHIEF VULKAN
SHOPOV (REF A), AGREES WITH TIMETABLE OF NEXT STEPS:
VISIT OF BULGARIAN SPECIALISTS TO US, SEPTEMBER JOINT MEETING,
AND INVITATION TO AGRICULTURE MINISTER GANCHO KRUSTEV TO
VISIT US IN AUTUMN FOR SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT, THUS
RETURNING FORMER SECRETARY BUTZ'S 1976 VISIT TO BULGARIA.

2. IT IS NECESSARY TO NOTE THAT UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
KRUSTEV MIGHT NOT BE IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR VISIT TO US SINCE
HE AND HIS MINISTRY HAVE BEEN UNDER SPECIFIC AND GENERAL
CONTINUING CRITICISM FOR VARIETY OF ERRORS OF OMISSION AND
COMMISSION. HOWEVER, EMBASSY
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STILL BELIEVES HE SHOULD BE
INVITED; HE HAS BEEN COUNTED OUT PREMATURELY BY SOFIA
GRAPEVINE SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY DURING PAST YEAR BUT REMAINS
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

3. EMBASSY IS ALSO IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH WHAT IS MERGING

AS SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT. TRUE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY TO REMOVE SIMPLE, BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT BULGARIAN AGRICULTURE FROM AREA OF "STATE SECRET." SECOND, VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR USG IN WORKING OUT THIS AGREEMENT WITH GOB SHOULD BE TO PROVIDE SOME MEANS OF OPENING DOORS AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER AGRICULTURE ELEMENTS OF GOB TO EMBOFFS AND TO OFFICIAL AND OTHER US VISITORS. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH BULGARIAN AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS, AND TO SEE AGRICULTURAL INSTALLATIONS, UPON REQUEST. BASICALLY, WE WANT TO HAVE HERE SOMETHING NEARER THE EXCELLENT ACCESS THAT BULGARIAN OFFICIALS BASED IN AND VISITING US HAVE TO OUR FACILITIES. WE DO NOT EXPECT LEOPARD TO CHANGE ITS SPOTS, BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT SOMEWHAT IMPROVED ACCESS IS ATTAINABLE THROUGH VEHICLE OF THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH GOB AT HIGH LEVEL CLEARLY DOES WANT.

4. REQUEST USDA OR DEPARTMENT POUCH EMBASSY COPIES OF US/POLISH JOINT STATEMENT AND US/ROMANIAN PROTOCOLS (PARA 6 REF A).
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